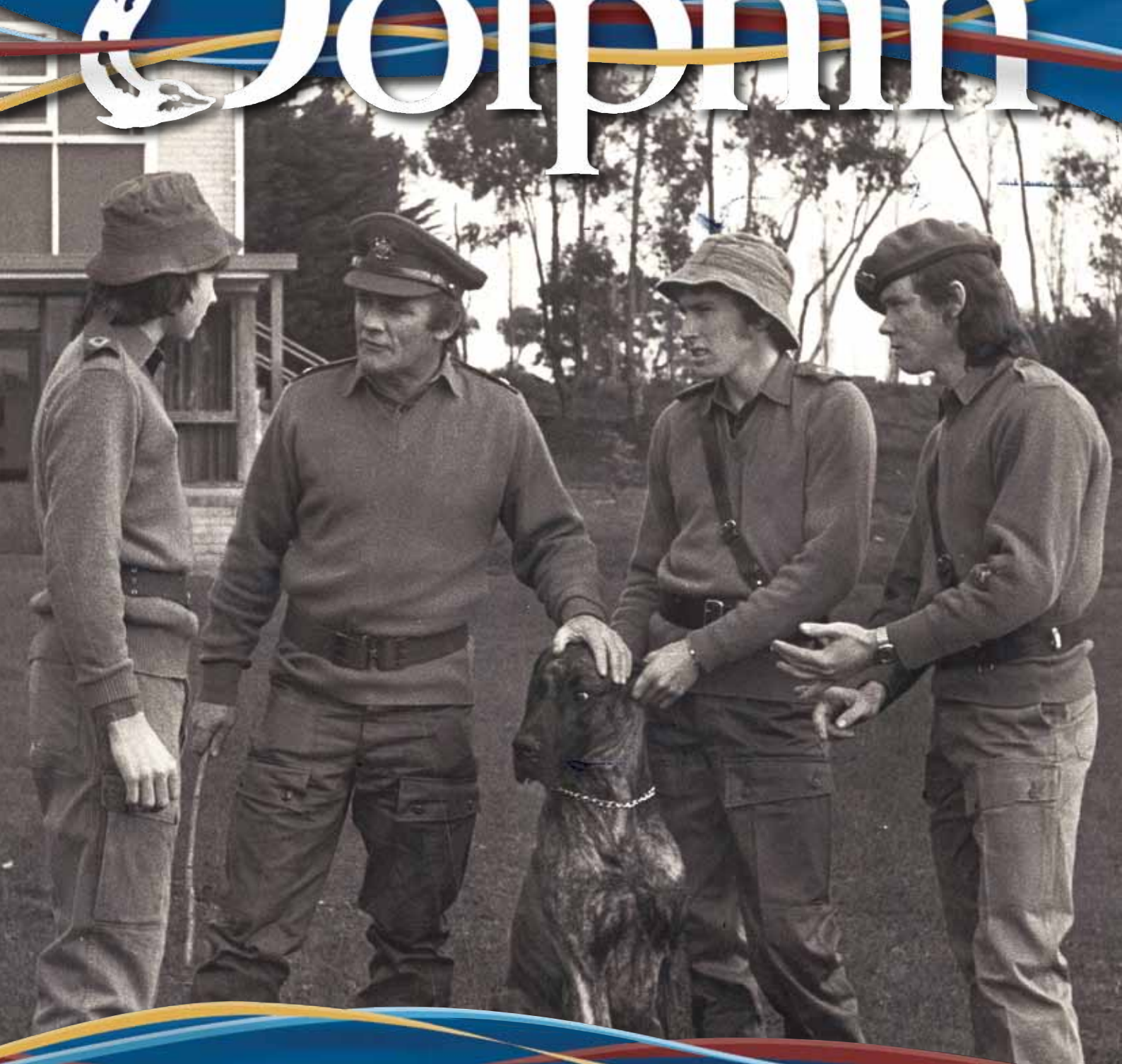


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Terry Walsh

1935–2011

To Serve Them All His Days

Written by Nick Floyd Class of '85.

Terry Walsh is dead. Over twenty-five years have passed since I departed Monivae College, and while I am not the first or only person to feel this, I cannot help sensing an emptiness in the world that was not there before 2:45 pm on 2 November 2011.

This reflection is an incomplete image of Terry Walsh – one seen from the viewpoint of a student and member of the Monivae school community of the 1980s, and not from that of his colleagues or family. Doubtless, there are many other perspectives of Terry Walsh beyond this one, but it is one shared by many of my classmates, and those in the years above and below.

Ascetic, opinionated, piercing, driven, resolute, steadfast, loyal, misunderstood, underappreciated, gifted, erudite, inquisitive, demanding, inscrutable, honourable, devoted, cantankerous: Terry Walsh's descriptors form their own imposing vocabulary list, just like the ones with which he terrorised successive middle-school English classes. As a teacher and mentor, Terry Walsh was a kaleidoscope of contradictions. Not always liked or popular, but invariably – if in some cases begrudgingly – respected by his students, he inspired, goaded and drove a generation of students to stretch their performances to their limits. His motivators included directly appealing to pride, confidence, and vision sharing, but also entailed activating pressure points of loss of face, challenge, competition, and even at times, fright.

Terry Walsh belonged to a genre of men that in other cultures would describe as that of the 'warrior monk'. His personal attributes of anti-materialism, shyness and immense dedication and capacity for work contrasted starkly with the gruff exterior he assumed in his varying leadership roles over the years as studies master, boarding master, cadet commandant, and martial arts master and advocate. Terry Walsh was adept at divining and breaching the adolescent psyche – with the purpose of encouraging, challenging and provoking us to be the best that we could be. At the same time, while never lyrical or effusive about his Christianity, his devoutness was never in doubt, and so provided a profound example of how one can be tough, gnarly and cynical, and yet still 'strong in faith'.

Terry Walsh's standards were unrelenting: whether in the cadet unit's dress, bearing, administration and quality of activities; whether in the classroom – especially as a teacher of English, which was his passion – the dormitories or study halls; or whether in the judo, karate or



Terry in class

unarmed combat dojo. In each of these settings, he would materialize without warning as a stone-faced sentinel; suddenly, each student would be intensely conscious of Terry Walsh's exacting gaze, and redouble their efforts.

Terry Walsh was equally legendary for the demands he placed on his own mind and body. Fond of his cigarettes and the occasional 'constitutional' glass of red when these affections were sanctioned in a now-bygone era, he was equally at home astride the dust, mud, hail, rain and shine of countless May cadet camps and other school outdoor activities. Similarly, for a sleepless boarder making that frigid and furtive trek from upper floor dormitory to basement locker room, it would be Terry Walsh's office light, with him working beneath it, that was the sole penetrator of the gloom of a sleeping College. Blended in winter with the ceaseless warmth of the radiator and, in my time, the unmistakable canine odour of Hagar, that light was at once inviting, at once foreboding – but always held the promise of a challenge.

A recollection of Terry Walsh is incomplete without mention of Hagar, Terry Walsh's literally awesome Great Dane and constant companion for over a decade. For those who noticed, Terry Walsh's relationship with Hagar was a subtle aperture into his makeup – a chink in his otherwise brusque and impervious exoskeleton. His private life was ever an unknown to those in his school life, whereas in Terry Walsh's professional life at least, he was a man who

regarded, esteemed, and indeed loved us students at a distance: silently; impassively; imperceptibly. In contrast, his affection for Hagar was unmistakable, and through that bond, he revealed his deeper humanity and sensitivity. Terry Walsh loved his dog as much as any man has before him, and in doing so demonstrated his capacity for the softer emotions he secretly held for all his charges.

Terry Walsh would probably have denied it, but I believe he was a closet romantic in the classical sense. He would subtly trot out his one declared literary hero of Horatius (he who single-handedly held the gate of Rome against the Etruscan hordes) on regular occasions as a subject for literature, grammar and composition, but I suspect the real world characters of Cicero and Socrates were also among his personal pantheon. The qualities of analytical rigour, logic, wry critique to the point of caustic comment, steadfastness, sparse attention to creature comforts and moral courage were shared hallmarks to which he clearly aspired – and achieved. Yet above all these, in the way that Socrates was the 'gadfly of Athens' and Cicero the moral gatekeeper of an increasingly dissolute Rome, Terry Walsh would seek to cajole us onto the path of studiousness and application to the task – whether it be physical, moral or academic.

On reflection, there is little doubt for me that Terry Walsh could have found considerable success in other arenas beyond secondary school education. Yet he chose the modest stage of

Monivae College for a variety of reasons cloaked from us mere mortal students. Nonetheless, it was clear to all that his devotion to the school and students of Monivae was a vocation he had selected wholly and unreservedly, and to which he committed the remainder of his life.

Terry Walsh is dead, and Monivae and its community are the poorer; but the richness of his contribution over his long and dedicated career overwhelmingly outweighs this loss. Terry Walsh has left generations of students a legacy of cherishing the values of dedication, selflessness, moral courage and self-discipline. It is a legacy to which we all aspire, and imperfectly adhere. Vale.



Front L to R, Travis Faure '85, Marcus Soawyer '05, Graham Soawyer '72. Rear L to R Michael Gregory '84, Bernie Kelly '85 and John McIntosh.



The Cadet Band lead Terry on his final journey from his home at Monivae.



Terry in his other favourite uniform.

MOCA

Welcome to the first of two Dolphins for 2012. It will be a busy year for Monivae and my fellow Old Collegians.

A special welcome to all those who completed Year 12 in 2011 who are joining us for the first time. I hope you are settling into post secondary school life.

This year, along with the normal year level reunions, the focus will also be on both our Cadets and our more senior Old Collegians. The weekend of October 27-28 will see the Monivae Cadet Unit celebrate 50 years. This major event will see senior Cadets invited back for a celebration dinner with Pat Dodsen as guest speaker, followed on Sunday by the annual Cadet Parade which will be bigger than ever as befits a Golden Jubilee. The Saturday night will also see a reunion for our students from the pre-Cadet dates of 1954-1962. This will be the first opportunity for these students to come together since the Golden Jubilee for the College in 2004.

On a personal note, it has been more than 25 years since I finished Year 12 at Monivae. Over quarter of a century has passed since my year level finished our secondary schooling, and I am happy to say that I still have contact with many of these people. Our lives have all taken different paths but we all share a common bond which will see us still keeping in touch by the time our own 50+ year reunion rolls around. While there was not an official MOCA 25 year reunion, we take the time to organise our own 'reunions,' and I urge other class years to not wait ten years before making time to catch-up.

I would like to welcome Catherine (Paterson) Huisman (1985), Elizabeth Hurley (2009) and Lauren Handreck (2010) to the MOCA Committee. Catherine will be known to many as a school leader, boarder and cadet CUO while Elizabeth and Lauren were both Student Leaders and will be known to those who have left Monivae recently. All committee members are former students and in a future issue, I look forward to introducing the current committee to you.

Finally, please ensure your current address details are up to date, including email, for news of the latest MOCA events. Also become a member of the MOCA group on Facebook. It's great to see the membership growing as it gives you a chance to find out all the latest news and events and also find former classmates.

Merron Riddiford
President
MOCA

Principal



Principal Mark McGinnity (left) with 'Jules Chevalier' recipient Sarah Noske '11 and Board Chair Laurie Cogger '73.

I've noticed so many wonderful things in my first two years at Monivae.

The students are delightful and renowned throughout the area as courteous and polite, there are many dedicated staff and the College is well resourced in a number of areas. While some may not be able to enunciate it as clearly as others there is very much an MSC spirit that pervades all of the College – that strong sense of knowing we are loved by God and are called to show that love to each other.

In a relatively short time I've learnt much about this fine College and my thoughts for improvement as well as those of the Board, Staff, Parents and Students have been developed into a new strategic plan for the College titled 'Preferred Futures.'

Launched in September last year, the document outlines the challenges and many opportunities ahead for Monivae as it moves towards 2020. The first of these challenges has been adapting to the requirements of an Australian Curriculum. The strategic direction set in this document means we are well positioned to be able to overcome the challenges and take advantage of every opportunity. The summary document is available from the Monivae website at www.monivae.com

Elsewhere in this publication there will be mentioned opportunities to assist with the provision of means tested Bursaries whereby students from all backgrounds regardless of their financial situation can have the chance to experience that special Monivae education. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to assist in this most worthwhile of appeals.

Mark McGinnity
Principal
Monivae College

SPR & KRudd

Old Collegian, SPR Nathan Bastock, whilst serving for Australia in Afghanistan had the opportunity to meet former Prime Minister and then current Foreign Affairs Minister, Kevin Rudd.

In April 2008, SPR Nathan Bastock marched into army recruit training in Wagga Wagga, not long after leaving Monivae as a student and a heavily involved member of the College Cadet Program.

After completing his recruit training, Nathan then spent some time in Sydney before being posted to the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment in Darwin.

Nathan's team of Combat Engineers (Sappers) are usually based at a remote patrol base in Uruzgan Province, however he had just completed a task which took himself and fellow Sappers to the multi-national base in the provincial capital, Tarin Kowt, where he met the Minister of Foreign Affairs and previous Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd. Nathan said "It was coincidence that on the same evening Kevin Rudd visited Afghanistan as Foreign Affairs Minister to find out what is needed by soldiers on the ground, and to thank us on behalf of Australia. Mr. Rudd, whose father was a Combat Engineer, was particularly sympathetic towards Sappers in Afghanistan due to the two recent Sappers killed in action. Given the connection, the nearby army photographer decided that it would be a good opportunity for a photo."



Nathan (right) pictured with Kevin Rudd.
Photo courtesy of the Department of Defence.

Brother Dan. Send Him a card.

“The road to one’s heart is love and it leads your heart to the heart of God.”

Brother Dan Geary describes himself as a shy person and believes that what is important in life is not your position, your learning or how much you do, but about the kind of person you are. The one word that sums up his philosophy of life is ‘kindness’. Ask any past or present members of the Monivae College Community, be that staff, students or parents, and they will all agree with Brother Dan’s philosophy.

Dan was born on April 27, 1943, to hard working parents who had a great need for, trust in and relationship with God and Our Lady which had a deep and profound influence on Dan. He struggled with schooling and found himself leaving school at the age of fifteen, working unskilled jobs for the next eight years.

At the age of twenty-three, Dan read a deeply spiritual book about a nun who had received ‘messages’ about how much Jesus loves us, even though we are not aware of it. Reading this book was a pivotal moment in Dan’s life and he decided to dedicate his life to Jesus and to love everyone as God loves them.

Dan wrote away for some information on a group that he had heard of, called the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, the MSCs. He applied to become an MSC brother, had an interview and was accepted. Although it was difficult for Dan to leave his family, work and everyone he knew, he loved the life of a Brother, especially his prayer time. Soon after joining the MSCs, Brother Dan became a cook, which saw him become qualified and working in this role with the MSCs for the next sixteen years.

Dan experienced sickness and in 1985 he was asked by the MSCs to come to Monivae. His life and work at Monivae has been to help others in many different ways. Br Dan did the small jobs every day, including unlocking the school in the mornings and locking up at night, delivering the morning papers and acknowledging student achievement both within school and the wider community. Driving the boarders around town used to also be one of Br Dan’s daily jobs.

The beautiful grounds and gardens at Monivae were a passion for Br Dan and if you were ever looking for him, he could usually be found weeding, pruning, or gathering flowers to put into staff offices each week. It was recently noted that Br Dan was the longest serving MSC that has ever been at Monivae.

Br Dan’s office (pictured) was a hive of activity and laughter each recess and lunchtime, as many students flocked to complete his puzzles, mind-teasers and to hear his stories. For many students his office was a haven for them and many past students recollect many hours of fun with Easter Egg hunts and lolly scrambles. A current Year 10 student, who regularly visited



Br Dan’s office stated, “It was a fun place to go, he had heaps of little toys to play with and sometimes he played you in a game of Connect Four. He was friendly and got to know you which was good. He talked to you and was also trustworthy.”

Perhaps the one detail that everyone knows Br Dan for is his generosity and amazing diary of past and present staff and student birthdays. Every student who attended Monivae (even if only for a short time) received their trademark Br Dan birthday card, complete with stickers, short prayers or reflections, jokes and stories, until the age of twenty-one. Br Dan seemed to have an uncanny knack of writing a personalised message in each card, and many past students have received cards after turning twenty-one for events such as weddings. It was estimated that during his time at Monivae, Br Dan had sent out over 25,000 cards!



At ten and twenty year reunions, one of the most popular questions is always “Is Br Dan still at Monivae? I used to love those birthday cards.” The birthday cards, Br Dan believes, are a reminder for each student of God’s love for each of them. This is one of the many small caring actions that is dearly missed by all at Monivae.

Br Dan’s passion and mission have been evident in the numerous talks that he has conducted with students of all year levels. He has discussed topics such as the importance of prayer, beauty, man and womanhood, and his underlying message has always been that students have to

be themselves, not like everyone else.

The words ‘beauty will save the world’ mean a lot in his life and he believes that modern society is so attracted by beauty, but all the time we just want to be loved for who we are. What is important is to be our own true beauty in every way that we can. The more than we live our own inner beauty, the closer we become to Jesus.

Br Dan believes that his whole life is a mission of love, and as long as he can express love in whatever ways he can, then his life is a life-giving experience to others. He encouraged students to welcome God into their lives and it gave them the confidence to express their dedication to their faith. A Year 12 student wrote him a letter a few years ago and expressed that “Br Dan, it is so easy to see Jesus in you!” This sort of respect and recognition is often expressed by people when Br Dan’s name is mentioned, though is quietly accepted by Br Dan, who doesn’t expect any public acknowledgement.

There is a saying Br Dan used in his talks with the students, that “The only things that really matter in our lives, happen within our hearts.” Br Dan believes his heart is where God is and it is this special quality that continues to be missed the most, as this is the epitome of the MSC faith and ethos.

Br Dan Geary is retired at Douglas Park, the spiritual home of the MSCs, where he lives in the MSC Community, helping out in the dining room and performing various day to day chores. He is missed by all at Monivae, though he will be remembered as a caring and gentle person. No doubt, the staff and students are looking forward to visits from Br Dan in the future to hear the new stories of this next phase in his life at Douglas Park.

If you would like to contact Br Dan his new contact details are:

Br Dan Geary, MSC
PO Box 19A (St Mary’s Towers)
Douglas Park NSW 2569

Service

Monivae College stalwart Trish Soawyer has notched over 40 years of service to the school following her employment in early 1970.

When employed at the school under then Principal, Father Fyfe, Trish said that the Monivae of 1970 was much different to today.

"Back in those days we had around 330 boy boarders as well as 12 Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) Priests and another ten Brothers. The students were a lot quieter then than they are now."

The biggest change Trish has noted in her time at Monivae is the slow decline in the numbers of MSC staff and the increase of lay staff in the school.

"All the MSC Fathers and Brothers did all the teaching, maintenance work, sport coaching, they basically did everything. With only one MSC on staff now we have to employ people to do all those things."

Principal, Mark McGinnity, spoke highly of Trish when he noted her achievement of 40+ years of service to the school.

Trish at home in the Boarders' Dining Hall



"It is an extraordinary thing to accumulate over 40 years dedicated service to one school. Especially given our school is not yet 60 itself. One can only imagine the number of meals Trish has prepared and the number of students who have benefitted from Trish's care and concern. Trish is someone who has always faithfully gone about her work with graciousness and a pleasant smile. Many ex-students, as well as the current boarders, speak very fondly about Trish and what she has done for them."

At the start of her tenure at Monivae the school only consisted of the main building at the front of the school. Now when Trish looks behind the main building there is a host of modern resources for the students to use - a modern library, two

gymnasiums, a 25 metre pool, a Performing Arts Centre, wonderful Home Economics and Technology facilities and numerous computer and digital media facilities.

"It seems like the place has changed a lot when I think about, I honestly didn't think I would be here after 40 years. I said 40 years ago I would work at Monivae until I found something else, but I can assure everyone I won't be working here for 50 years." Trish said.

When talking of the things that Monivae is no longer involved in that she misses most, Trish cites her love of the Monivae Blues.

"I supported the Monivae Blues in the football and use to travel all around the region to watch them play against schools like St Pat's in Ballarat. I didn't have much love for Monivae Red, but it created a lot of interest in the Monivae community those games."

The importance of Trish to the school is highlighted simply when former students tour the school as part of their reunions her photo is always pointed out by Old Collegians as someone they remember fondly from their Monivae days.

Get Social



Monivae College is finding more ways to keep in touch with Old Collegians as the College gets social.

Monivae College is keeping students, families, friends and Old Collegians in touch instantly with the latest news and photos through Facebook and Twitter.

Linking in with the current College website at www.monivae.com the College's Facebook page is an easy way to share photos, news, events and videos about what is happening in the Monivae Community.

Nearly 600 people have 'liked' the Facebook page and this grows everyday. The feedback from Old Collegians has been positive, with many students keeping in touch with each other and finding former classmates through the Facebook page.

Whilst still new to Twitter, the College is looking to grow and has been busy following many Old Collegians as they 'tweet' away about what is happening in their lives.

More and more photos and information are being shared everyday for our College Community

and photos from Reunions and special events will be posted to Facebook for everyone to view and enjoy. One of the most popular stories on Facebook has been the erection of a new cross, something that had former boarders wondering if their name was still on it.

So now there are even more ways to keep in touch with Monivae and your fellow classmates.

www.monivae.com
www.facebook.com/MonivaeCollege
www.twitter.com/MonivaeCollege



New Cross

The beacon that has overlooked Monivae has been replaced, much to the distress of Old Collegians.

After years of faithful service the Old Cross that has stood as a beacon on top of the main building was replaced earlier this year.

Despite many coats of paint, and the signatures of many boarders the cross needed to be replaced for safety reasons.

This prompted one Old Collegian to ask if he could buy the cross. Sadly the Cross has had its day and a new Cross has been erected to again watch over the students of the College.

A Founding Legacy

In August of 1948, Mrs Murphy of Rainbow wrote to Marist Brothers Monivae, recommended by the Brigidine sisters at Horsham, with an application for her thirteen year old son. Mrs Murphy was certainly keen, for Monivae College did not hold the first day of classes until Tuesday, 2 February 1954.

Mrs Murphy's application was the first of what was to become many thousand over the years. As the College grew in the very early years with boarders making their home (despite unfinished lodgings), it was becoming clear in the community that the generosity of the MSCs often saw many a student educated on a 'promise.' The MSCs made a promise to educate a family's son, the family in return paid as much of the fees as they could, which was often none.

This spirit of generosity in the formative years of the College has long been something that Monivae College and its staff, students and families have carried throughout each decade of the College's history.

Generosity of spirit and a willingness to be educated by the MSCs was greatly appreciated by those who were fortunate to receive these opportunities and it is something that even in difficult times the College has always tried to assist families in all ways, where possible.

Today, Monivae College still receives applications from families for assistance to send their sons or daughters to the College, yet the process is much different, even if the outcome, an educated student, an opportunity offered, remains the same.

The Monivae Bursary and Scholarship Fund was established by the Monivae Foundation to meet the demand for local students who wished to attend the College but their family or financial circumstances meant they would have to look at an alternative for their secondary education.

Students who receive support from the Bursary Fund come from diverse backgrounds, each with their own different story. The thing they have in common is the appreciation that they have for being given the opportunity to receive a Monivae education.

One of our newest Old Collegians is from the Class of 2011, Sarah Wall. Sarah completed Year 12 and is currently undertaking a gap year before moving onto tertiary study. Like many



Bursary students, when Sarah first commenced at Monivae she was unaware of the support, and the opportunity she had been given.

"I started at Monivae in Year 7, my older sister was already there and it wasn't until I was in about Year 9 that I found out I was being helped to attend Monivae. I knew I wouldn't be at Monivae without that help." Sarah said.

The students are often unaware they are receiving support unless they are told by their family or guardian. This way all students who enter Monivae do so equally and the College continues the MSC ethos of being an inclusive community where all students are valued, regardless of personal circumstances.

Sarah was open to the opportunities that Monivae provides to its students, being an active student and getting involved in all areas such as swimming, athletics and being Captain of the Girls 1st XVIII Football, but also making the most of the Cadet program, continuing with this through to the end of Year 12.

"I wouldn't have said I was the most diligent of Cadets early on, but after attending some of the Cadet courses I realised that I had the chance to take it through to the end, to be a leader. It was a struggle to continue with Cadets in Year 12 but the teachers gave me the support I needed to get through it."

With 2012 marking the 50th year of Monivae Cadets, it is fitting that the Cadets became an avenue for Sarah to grow as a student and a person.

Many of the donations to the Monivae Bursary Fund have been made by Old Collegians who have wanted to give back to the College for the opportunities and education they received at Monivae. As Sarah has now progressed from student, to Old Collegian, she understands the importance of giving something back.

"I felt that I was able to give back a little more of myself to the College by being involved in extra things like Cadets, but I know my time at the College was made easier because I didn't have to worry as much, I could continue to do the things I enjoyed."

When reflecting on her time at Monivae, Sarah is thankful for the time, opportunities and support she received, knowing the difference that every donation makes to changing a young person's life.

"The Bursary Fund is such a good idea. I know that if I didn't get a Bursary then I don't think I would have finished school. I know so many people that need the help and opportunities I received.

To find out how you can assist a future Old Collegian through the Monivae Bursary Fund then visit www.monivae.com/foundation/ or contact Simon McKinley on (03) 5551 1251 or via smckinley@monivae.vic.edu.au

All donations to the Monivae Bursary Fund are tax deductible.



CUO Sarah Wall receives the Lt Col Terry Walsh Award at Cadet Parade from Dr Geoff Handbury and MAJ (AAC) Gary Simkin

Cadets - 50 Years Strong

2012 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Monivae College Cadet Unit. Whilst the names Walsh and Simkin, Dodson and Molan come to mind, it is worth remembering how the Monivae College Cadet Unit began. We delve back to the first Cadet report in the 1963 Annual which starts our cadet journey.

It is of course obvious that Monivae boys come chiefly from farms and rural communities. The need of further development in responsibility, leadership, deportment and discipline has underlined the usefulness of some form of military training in the College. Early this year the department of the Army was approached with a view to forming a Cadet Unit. Approval was finally given by Army Headquarters, Canberra on 30th April, after the Army authorities had made a thorough inspection of the College to ascertain potential. Officer personnel, training store facilities and general background.

Major Simmonds of 23 Cadet Battalion Burnley arrived towards the middle of June and it was decided to begin this year with a small group who would be able to attend Junior Leaders' courses next January – the unit would then be able to go up to its full establishment of 121. The original suggestion that the small nucleus should attend camp in September attached to a Melbourne school was set aside in favour of the plan to raise 40 cadets immediately and proceed to camp as an independent unit.

Volunteers from senior classes who would be returning in 1964 were called for and over 120 applied. The first parade was held on Wednesday, 19th June when Fr. Rector outlined the purpose, methods and structure of a Cadet Unit. The first drill on the oval was watched with much amusement by the "civies". Towards the end of July uniforms were issued and the "guns" (as they were called for so long!) arrived. Rifles were the only contents of the Q store which took over the old sports room, Now training began in earnest.

29th August saw the two buses pulling out with 40 cadets, Fr. Rector who will command the unit, and Cadet Under Officer John Amor



Reviewing Officer 2011 Dr Geoff Handbury AO



of Chevalier College Bowral. John's family are now living in Geelong and John willingly agreed to help with the training and instruction during the camp period at Puckapunyal. Fr. McCowage who is also attached to the Unit, will not be fully committed until the completion of his university work in about 18 months time.

During the ten days camp the unit made remarkable progress – the enthusiasm and hard work of C.U.O John Amor and the four Corporals bore such fruit as to be favourably commented upon by others to the satisfaction of all. Apart from weapon training and minor tactics, two days were devoted to the range and a further three days were spent out at State Forest on bivouac. Even this completely new experience was well within the Cadets' capabilities. Apart from feature films on three nights every other night was given to exercises and training.

On Sunday, November 3 the rain held off long enough for the unit to hold its first Ceremonial Parade on the College oval. The Reviewing Officer was Major B. Colbert from the C.M.F. Unit in Ballarat. He was accompanied by Major L. Gallagher the Senior Catholic Chaplain of 3 RAR. In spite of the short time – merely four months – since the formation of the unit, the Parade under the command of Corporal M. Byrne was a very creditable one. The large crowd present and the warm words of congratulation on their achievement by Major Colbert did much to encourage the boys for the future. Major Colbert presented the Three Cadet Brigade Prize for Efficiency to Corporal M. Byrne.

A tentative start has been made with the formation of a nucleus of a band and a Unit badge has been approved and struck. More recently the Q store has been considerably enlarged and 1964 should see the Unit fully established and functioning with its full complement of C.U.O's and N.C.O's.



Cadet 50 Year Celebrations

The weekend of October 27-28 will see the official 50 Year Cadet Celebrations. Saturday night will see an invitation dinner with CUOs, Adjutants, RSMs and Drum Majors from all 50 years invited to attend.

Sunday will begin with Thanksgiving Mass, followed by the 50th Cadet Parade. It will be a special occasion for all those who have worn the Cadet uniform, and especially for those students who wear it this year.

All Old Collegians are invited on Sunday to what is sure to be the biggest event the Collge has seen since the Golden Jubilee in 2004 and is shaping to be a fitting tribute to the Monivae College Cadet Unit.

The College needs your help to track down some of our lost Cadets. So if you are still in contact with your Adjutant, or you live next door to a former Drum Major then contact Olivia on (03) 5551 1250 or email ostevens@monivae.vic.edu.au to make sure we have their address details.

www.monivae.com/cadets

Can't Stay Away

We have several Old Collegians who have returned to Monivae College and now see things from the other side of the fence. Here we find out their best memories as a student and what prompted them to return to the College as a staff member.

MAJ (AAC) Gary Simkin '70 CO Monivae Cadet Unit

Best memories: Playing football and being involved with sport. I captained the U/13, U/15, U/18 and First XVIII football teams. The high lights being the first Monivae team to beat St Pat's and premiers and champions U/18 in 1969. I also enjoyed cricket and athletics, but I couldn't run as fast as Bobby Malcolm. School socials were always a big hit, with girls from Hamilton, Portland and Warrnambool being bused in for the evening.

I enjoyed cadets and completed three promotions courses at Puckapunyal. It was good fun camping out in the bush, assembling Bren Guns and carry 303s.

I was School Captain in 1969 and Vice Captain in 1970. It is interesting looking at photos in the corridor, of students from my time, and contrasting where they are now.

Prompt to return: I ended up with a job here a bit by accident. I was heading home after finishing uni in 1977, called into Monivae to see Fr Malcolm Fyfe and he basically offered me a job because the current Geography teacher, Fr Barney White, was retiring from teaching. The rest is History. My family is from this district, I have taught many of my nephews and nieces, even some grand nephews. The kids here are good to work with, the school environment is great and Hamilton is a great community and place to bring up a family. Students often take a step back when I say, "I know where you live". I taught Darren Beks my first year, with students like that who wouldn't want to stay here.

Terry Molan '78 Director of Mission and Faith

Best Memories: Being a full-time boarder for six years meant that I was around the place a lot!

Firstly the sporting opportunities were a wonderful memory, especially when I played First XVIII football. The trips to Kilmore (Assumption College), Ballarat (St Pat's College) and Melbourne (various schools) were often weekend affairs, ie leave Saturday afternoon, have a social occasion with the host school on the Saturday night then play football on the Sunday. Another great memory in regards to football were the games against traditional rival, St Pat's, Ballarat. The games were always on a Sunday afternoon,

and the crowds around the main oval would rival any Western Border game the day before. Secondly, my involvement in the cadet unit holds many special memories, especially the week long camps in May. These were challenging and very rewarding times, especially the camp in 1978 when the rain started on the Monday afternoon and did not ease up until the Saturday morning. Was there any talk of abandoning the camp - never! The hours spent around the campfire in the evenings telling jokes and planning mayhem against other platoons was great. Thirdly, my HSC (Yr 12) year. We had a wonderful group of students who bonded very well together. Lastly the MSC priests and brothers. There were many on staff during my time here as a student, and reflecting back, a lot of them were salt of the earth characters. Bro. Kevin Cronin, Bro. Jim Scully, Fr Phil Hoy, Fr John O'Bryan and Fr Alby Chan were just a few who, at the end of the day, would do a lot for you.

Prompt to return: Well to be quite honest, I was offered a job at Monivae upon graduation from university, and the opportunity to come back and teach was one I have never regretted. My "interview" with Fr Dennis Uhr (Principal) and Fr Paul Brennan (Principal of Monivae Junior) on a very very hot Sunday afternoon went all of 10 minutes! 28 years later, I'm still passionate about Monivae and teaching.

Dianne Taylor '83 Principal's Secretary

Best memories: I have made life time friends and loved every minute of school. As a non catholic was amazed how the priests devoted their lives to educating young people and making us feel special.

Prompt to return: I had such fond memories of school I always thought it would be a great place to work - so after 20 years returned and I was right! I have recently left Monivae but still enjoy being dragged back for the occasional catch-up.

Sofia Vearing '86 Humanities Faculty Leader

Best memories: A very busy place, with a large and bustling student body. I remember the great range of activities that we could participate in and the excitement that such events as Cadet camps, GSSSA sporting events, retreats and school socials generated. I remember being very proud of being a Monivae student and remember also the dedication the school displayed to providing every student with a chance of success, whether academic or social. Teachers I particularly remember are Mr. Chris Cole, Frs. McEnally and O'Brien and Mr. Walsh - also teachers like Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Bowles and Mr. Simkin all of whom are still here. They are remembered for a variety of reasons, some

for their passion in the classroom, some for their unique characters and Mr. Simkin for being the only teacher to ever put me on detention.

Prompt to return: I didn't really choose to come back to Monivae, but a vacancy here came up in the second half of the year that I was able to fill and I have been here ever since. It took a while to become used to working with many staff who had previously taught me, but they gave me much support and encouraged me to experiment with my teaching style and gave me a lot more confidence.

Katrina Phillip '98 Finance Officer

Best memories: Friendly people, excellent teachers and happy spirit of the school.

Prompt to return: I was eager to join an environment where God and Christian values take first place and I've always had a strong interest in education. Monivae was therefore an obvious choice and I was delighted to join the team at the beginning of last year.

Elise Grenfell '04 Teaching Aide

Best memories: Yr 11 retreat, Cadet camp - even though I hated the cadet days at school the camp was actually a really fun time, school socials, Yr 12 lunch times sitting around the heater in the study hall in Winter doing the quiz and puzzles out of the paper with a group of friends.

Prompt to return: The reason I came back to work here was because I had just moved back from Melbourne, and a job came up here as a teacher aide, which was what I had been doing in Melbourne. I thought I know the school, most of the staff and thought I had a good time at school here so it would be a good place to work.

Lauren Handreck '10 Development Officer/Sports Co-ordinator Assistant

Best memories: Year 11 Retreat, Leaders Camp, Sacred Heart Day Concert 2010, Lunch times in the Common Room, Year 12 Celebration day (activities at school and the Class of 2010 party at the Templeton's), School sporting trips, especially for basketball and netball.

Prompt to return: I am having a gap year before I head off to uni to study Criminology/Law and a full time job arose in the Development Office so I thought what better way to spend my year off than working at the College that has provided me with such brilliant opportunities as a student.

Editor's Note: Lauren has completed her gap year and is studying at Deakin Geelong.

Audrey Brown- Class of 1984

Audrey Brown was appointed Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Ballarat in late August 2011.

Audrey grew up in the Western District, originally from Heywood, and completed her HSC (Higher School Certificate) at Monivae in 1984. Since beginning her involvement with the St Liborius Parish, Eaglehawk, in 2000, Audrey's enthusiasm and passion towards parish and diocesan involvement only grew, with Audrey now having a very important role in this regard.

Audrey began her tertiary education at the University of Melbourne in 1988 studying a Bachelor of Arts, before transferring courses a year later to study a Graduate Diploma in Education. From this change, Audrey began a teaching appointment at Kildara College, Malvern the following year and then at Catholic College, Bendigo the year after that. In her nine years of teaching at Catholic College, Bendigo, Audrey had numerous leadership roles in the school.

1999 saw another pathway change for Audrey, resigning from her appointment at Catholic College, Bendigo to become an Education Officer at the Catholic Education Office, Sandhurst. Audrey then received a promotion to Senior Education Officer in 2001 following her commitment and hard work to the office in the two years she had been there. Audrey became a member of the St Liborius Parish, Eaglehawk, as a candidate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. She chaired the Parish Liturgy Committee during 2000-2001.

The following year Audrey became a successful applicant for the position of Principal at Catholic College, Wodonga, where she spent the next four years of her life. While having the role of Principal at Catholic College, Audrey returned to study at the University of Ballarat. Audrey completed a Master of Education at Ballarat in 2003 before attending the Australian Catholic University in 2004 to receive a graduate certificate in Religious Education. While residing in Wodonga, Audrey also became a member of the Parish Liturgy Team, Sacred Heart Parish Wodonga.

2006 saw Audrey conclude her appointment as Principal of Catholic College, Wodonga and return to the Catholic Education Office, Sandhurst. Audrey's new role at the CEO was as a Senior Educational Consultant. While in this role, Audrey completed a Graduate Diploma of Arts (Theology) at the Australian Catholic University. In this same year, 2010, Audrey became involved in the Diocesan Pastoral Council as a Facilitator of their Strategic Planning.

Audrey's appointment at the CEO was her last before becoming the Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Ballarat. She is currently studying a Graduate Certificate of Education Law at the Australian Catholic University, with expected completion of this course late this year. Audrey continues to prove how valuable her experience and qualifications are to her as Director of Catholic Education and her parish involvement continues to prove her sense of passion for the role which she carries out.



Vale Sibi Rioli

The Monivae Community is saddened by the passing of Sebastian (Sibi) Rioli, Class of '72. A talented footballer who was named in the forward pocket of Monivae's Team of the Century.

Coming to Monivae from Darwin in 1970, he was named in the First XVIII in Form 4, something unheard of in the day. Many Old Collegians remember him as the 'the best player to pull on a Monivae jumper.'

An excerpt from the 1971 Annual.

Sibi Rioli, playing as ruck-rover, was an opponent no opposition could control; his uncanny ball control and precise disposal was

Sibi Rioli (top right) and the 1970 First XVIII



enough to cut holes in any defence. His five goals against St. Pat's showed how difficult he was to contain; besides, he possessed both speed and courage, and his hard bumping left many opponents wondering what had hit them.

He went on to play football with South Fremantle and was selected in the WA State Team. The thoughts of the whole Monivae Community are with his wife Cheryl and his six children and their families.

Old Collegian Opens New Classrooms

The College welcomed the Hon Hugh Delahunty MP back to Monivae to officially open its new learning facilities.

Monivae College is adapting to the continual growth of student numbers by expanding its learning facilities. With a State Government grant upgrades were undertaken to existing classrooms and two additional modern learning facilities, situated on the first floor of the main building were completed.

The bright and spacious classrooms, located on the left hand side of the first floor as you face the main building, have been put in place to enable best practice teaching and learning, and were opened on the 9th of September 2011 by Monivae Old Collegian, the Hon Hugh Delahunty MP.

In opening the classrooms the Member for Lowan remarked on his time at Monivae and how vital good facilities are for the teaching of our students.

"Education is vital for the continuing development of not only the student, but important for the community in general. We must give the best available tools to give our students the opportunity to learn."

The modern classrooms at Monivae add diversity to the learning experience through the use of the ICT (information and communication technology) facility. Incorporated into the classrooms is a video control and observation room. Within each of the two new classrooms, cameras have been installed which are controlled within the observation room at the rear of the classrooms. These latest model cameras enable lessons to be taped and uploaded onto the College's intranet so that students can review and revise what has been taught that day. Guest speakers and VCE revision lectures conducted by experts in certain subjects can also be filmed and saved for future use.

Principal Mark McGinnity said that another feature of this modern facility is that Monivae staff, now have the ability to record their lessons and then review their own teaching style and effectiveness.

"This technology gives staff an insight into how they are able to advance their ways of teaching in the classroom, to provide students with the best education possible."

In officially opening the facilities Mr Delahunty remarked on the great achievements of all those involved in seeing the project completed to a high standard.

Old Collegian the Hon Hugh Delahunty MP opens new facilities with 2011 Captains Lisa Stanford and Jock Cleary.



"Congratulations to the school in general, it's a fantastic achievement. These developments are new world-class facilities, facilities that will ensure Monivae College continues to be the centre of the Hamilton community for many many years to come."

The contemporary classrooms are easily converted into spaces of different sizes with

an operable wall separating the two rooms. The flexible furniture arrangements allow for more open learning spaces giving students the opportunity to work as individuals, small groups, large groups or in seminar type settings.

The College invites any Old Collegian who is in Hamilton to call in and view the new classrooms.

Elite Level

A scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport for Women's Basketball has proved to be a life-changing experience, opening many doors for Old Collegian, Tessa Lavey.

After leaving Monivae College at the end of 2008, star athlete Tessa Lavey moved with her family to Bendigo where she completed Year 11 at Catholic College and played basketball with the Bendigo Basketball Association. Within this year, Tessa's performance on the basketball court landed her a Scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport for Women's Basketball. This meant that at the end of November 2009, Tessa had to yet again transfer schools and move to Canberra leaving her parents, friends and family behind. As soon as she arrived in Canberra, Tessa began training and playing for the AIS in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) and at the start of 2010, began her year 12 studies at Lake Ginninderra College, where she completed her secondary schooling.

2010 was a year of great experiences for Tessa, being selected as Co-Captain for the U/17 Women's National Team. Firstly, the team played in the Oceania FIBA Qualifiers, played in Brisbane. Here, Australia beat New Zealand three games to zero, meaning that Tessa was off to captain Australia at the U/17 World Championships in France. Pre-championships, the team travelled to Spain to play against Canada, USA and Spain, then moving on to the World Championships in Toulouse, France. Here, the team made it into the Quarter Finals where they went down by 15 to the host nation, France. Tessa stated that this

was a "decent effort considering the stadium was packed with France supporters, and we had our little Australian crowd of about 100."

Since this tournament Tessa was selected in the U/19 Australian Gems squad.

At present, Tessa is at the AIS and is currently studying Early Childhood Teaching at the University of Canberra, whilst travelling the country playing in the WNBL. Tessa, first played in the WNBL at the age of 16 and to her credit was the starting point guard. She claimed that it was a huge challenge to begin with, considering the AIS had 10 new players on a scholarship at the same time, meaning the majority of Tessa's teammates had never played in the WNBL before. In her first game, Tessa came up against reigning Champions, the Canberra Capitals, and the best women's basketball player in the world, Lauren Jackson. She said that to be playing against the World's Greatest Player in this game was "an experience I will never forget." During the 2009/10 season the AIS team won one game, which wasn't until the last game of the season with a range of new players. In Tessa's second season in the WNBL, the 2010/11 season, the young team managed to win three games which was an impressive effort for such a young group of girls. When asked, Tessa stated that the "WNBL is a great league to play in and if I didn't come to the Australian Institute of Sport, I wouldn't have gotten the chance at such a young age. Playing in the WNBL is a learning curve that I will never forget."

In the future Tessa hopes to be playing for a WNBL club which is closer to home, so that

On the court for the AIS.
Photo supplied by the AIS.



she can give back to the communities that have supported her. Tessa claimed that she "Would like to stay involved with small communities to show that there is hope and support in sport, even if you have limited opportunities. Basketball has given me great opportunities and experiences and I'd like to think everyone could have the chances I have been given."

The Monivae College Community is incredibly proud of Tessa and her achievements and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

Written by Lauren Handreck '11.

Reunion Photos



Catching up with the Class of 1991.



Members of Class of 1981 tour Monivae.

Reunion dates for 2012 are listed on Page 15.

Recent reunion photos can be viewed at www.monivae.com/alumni/reunion-photos or at www.facebook.com/monivaecollege

Where Are They Now?

Penny Mather '09



Old Collegian, Penny Mather has continued her success and is making her name in the hockey circle since leaving Monivae in 2008 to be closer to her hockey commitments.

Penny has had amazing opportunities since her last day at Monivae, attending the Victorian Institute of Sport on scholarship which enabled her to both study and reach her potential to achieve success at national and international level.

Penny played in the Under 18 State team in the Women's Championship in Canberra as goal keeper. In addition to competing in the Womens Championships, Penny also played for Doncaster which certainly made her year very busy along with her Year 12 commitments.

Penny showed no signs of slowing down, in between studying Exercise Sport Science at Deakin University Melbourne, hockey trainings and spending time with family and friends, Penny also trained with the 'Vipers', the open age Victorian squad team which kept her busy six days a week. Penny was then selected for the U21 State team. Although hockey is demanding she says 'it's good, I enjoy it.'

The Monivae Community wish Penny all the best for the future with her hockey endeavours.

Fr Peter Hearn (MSC) '62

After attending Monivae, Peter joined the Sacred Heart Order in 1968 and in June 1976, on the "coldest day of the year"; he was ordained in Port Fairy. He has had various postings and for 11 years he worked in the Northern Territory; four of those years were spent in a remote Aboriginal settlement.

Fr Peter Hearn is currently the Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Randwick.

Matt Saul '92

After leaving Monivae and Hamilton at the end of '92 I spent ten years in Melbourne first at university and then at a number of different jobs in finance before upping stumps to head off to Hong Kong, where I have now lived for the last eight years. Currently I am head of the Asia-ex Japan equity trading desk for Fidelity Investments, something which keeps me extremely busy from before dawn to after sunset, although it is great fun working in such a vibrant, diverse and evolving city. There have been plenty of highs and lows, from the SARS crisis in '03 to the crazy highs of the China bubble in stock markets in 07/08, but Hong Kong doesn't leave much time for reflection to be honest. I married my English wife Claire over five years ago at an amazing wedding ceremony on a beach in Thailand. Now I live with her, my stepson Louis and our pets, splitting our time between our cosy apartment in Happy Valley (smaller than most Australian house's living rooms!) and a weekend beach house on Lantau Island.

Growing up in a small town like Hamilton certainly gave me an appetite to travel the world at large and I have to be thankful for my time at Monivae for pushing me along the beginnings of that fast-paced journey, with many great teachers opening my mind to principles and ideas which have stood me in good stead since then. I was back in Hamilton at Christmas last year, and I certainly now better appreciate the beauty and restfulness of the town, and the good-natured people there, and I think Monivae can be proud of the great contribution it makes to the community.

Travis Faure '85



I live in Canberra, married to the most beautiful women Liz Croser, and we have three children I've spent over 20 years serving in the Australian Army, including serving with Special Operations Command in Afghanistan as a Royal Australian Signals Corps Officer, having specialised in

Network Centric Operations. This technology creates the shooter to sensor fusion, which underpins and is the overarching doctrine of modern warfare. I can thank Terry Walsh and Monivae Cadets, like many other former students for their sparked interest in the Australian Defence Force.

In my down time, Liz and I also run a Martial Arts Centre, focussing on teaching realistic self defence. We both gain great joy in instructing our comprehensive children's and adults programs. I still gain great enjoyment from competing with my students in sport karate and BJJ competitions. Once again I can thank Monivae for my extensive passion for martial arts, having been part of the Monivae Martial Club in the early 80's run by Sensei John McIntosh.

I still have regular contact with Paul Bird, Steve Carter, and Bernie Kelly who are all successful, have great families and careers. It's always great to catch up with my old Monivae mates, share a few beers and laughs and try and solve the world's problems.

Like many previous students I'm indebted to Monivae for providing the many opportunities to learn and grow from. It has contributed to the fabric of who I am. Monivae has instilled in me the attitude that anything is possible, we only have to apply ourselves with smart hard work, remain focussed, accept the setbacks, and continue to push forward with our goals and aspirations.

Andrew Fox '99



Old Collegian Andrew Fox recently graduated from the Royal Military College Duntroon. He is pictured here with proud parents Brian and Anne Fox. Some Old Collegians may have met Andrew's Dad on occasion, he was after all the Hamilton Police Inspector.

Congratulations to Andrew on this great achievement.

Arabian Nights

Michael McKinnon (left) while directing Emmy Award winning *Tides of War* in 1991

It seems Michael McKinnon '58 has squeezed every drop of juice out of life if you look at his resume. Yet this modest lad from Beulah in the north of Victoria is most proud of his family.

Come January next year it will be the 60th anniversary of my first night at what was the excitingly new Monivae. I had arrived from Beulah in the Mallee and we fresh faced country lads were a little ahead of the builders who still needed a few days to install the dormitory windows. Gusting warm night breezes made it even more of an adventure.

Father McMahan had been charged with shaping a school ethos but his classroom skills as an English teacher left a more enduring imprint. Geography master Father Lubi wrote "This is not Art Class" in my highly decorated geography book; the first indications of a future life as an artist and film maker.

While writing a thesis on Giotto at Melbourne University, I was enthralled by the determination of Melbourne painters to create a unique vision of our parched continent. Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly, Arthur Boyds and Fred Williams landscapes indicated a way of seeing that would eventually inform my films in the deserts of Arabia and the vastness of Africa.

Next came three years at the Royal College of Arts painting school in London and 10 years as an artist. While at the college I co-formed the Continuum group. We showed widely before I developing the sculpture that can be seen in a BBC Arena Arts film on my website.

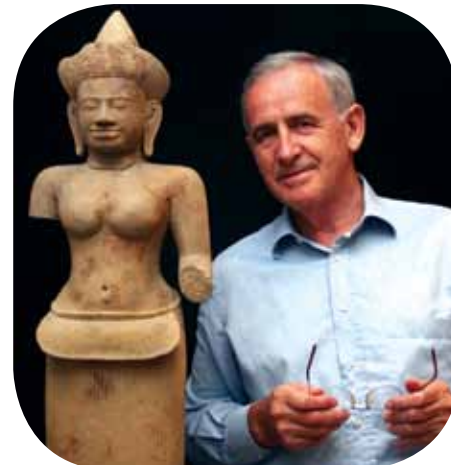
Ultimately, being too curious about too many things I deciding that television documentary was my true vocation. The next thirty odd years have been dedicated to filming and writing about the developing world, working finally in some forty countries but the best films were shot in Arabia and Africa.. My website www.mckinnonfilms.com drops a plumb line through these activities.

My introduction to Arabia came in 1972 when I met a wonderful young Kuwaiti paediatrician, my wife Dr Fawzia Al Sayegh. From the seed of my enthusiasm for Fawzia and much advice from the great historians of the day, grew the ten part Channel 4 UK/PBS USA series "The Arabs" broadcast on the ABC around 1983.

In television terms, the Arab world was completely unexplored. Wildlife, and its conservation became the principal themes. Like the outback, vast landscapes unmarked by



Pictured with his sons Rakan and Faris.



human hand and never before filmed.; National Geographic, the BBC and Discovery the most important supporters "Arabia Sand Sea and Sky",(ABC 1992) "Tides of War" and "Nile, River of Gods" received the most awards. Other films on third world aid like "Friends in Need" were deeply satisfying to make. Currently we are filming innovative healthcare techniques in an impressive Kuwaiti hospital for children with cancer.

I was fortunate to live through a golden age of television. To have had the time and sometimes budgets to make very considered films and work with some of the most talented crews,

cameramen, narrators and editors in the business.

So, thank you Monivae for launching this particular ship and greetings to my old classmates. A few still shots of my now expanding Aussie /Arabian tribe have been thrown into the website for good measure.

Michael McKinnon
May 2012

30 Years On

A MOCA article from the October issue 1984.

We remember our deceased Old Collegians, trace some of our pioneering old boys of the fifties era and we remember our Rectors who have helped mould and direct Monivae into a school of high distinction.

In 1954 Monivae opened with Fr. R. Hyland Rector, Fr. John Mooney, Fr. J.J. McMahon and Fr. Pat O’Carrigan and Lay brothers K. Cronin, W. Dalton and Fitzgerald. There were 18 form 1 boys and 20 form 2 girls. In September of 1954 David O’Sullivan became the first Monivae Old Collegian when he left school at the end of second term. We now have over 3,500 Old Collegians.

The objective of giving students the beginnings of a life-long appreciation of culture, wisdom and intellect in preparation for their existence beyond school days was implanted in Monivae collegians of the fifties and lives on today.

Now 30 years on, we see the end of yet another era at Monivae as Fr. Uhr’s term as Rector ends. Many of the subjects taught today are those of 30 years ago, but with welcomed presence of female students at Monivae, subjects such as domestic science, sewing, typing and home eco are available to all students. With the number of students now almost 800, the curriculum is very complex and Fr. Uhr has developed a broad structure of academic, manual arts and sporting subjects to cater, most adequately, for the varied needs of the students. Other subjects like pottery, textiles and graphics are offered as well as art, plus computer science – a necessity in our technological society of the eighties.

Monivae now has a School-to-Work-Transition Course. The Monivae Ladies Auxiliary helped to set up a special area for this course. Eighteen of the 20 students who commenced the course this year have found employment already which indicates its success.

Monivae has more than one choir. The senior choir came third in the Royal South Street competition at Ballarat this year. Mr James Orchard is fulltime Instrumental teacher, so Monivae now has the beginnings of its own school orchestra.

Fr. Uhr has chosen staff carefully in the hope that their stay at Monivae is long term. He has catered to them with retreats, seminars and regular meetings.

In 1962 Fr. McMahon praised the boarders, who all attended Mass at least five times a week. He said ‘it is an edifying sight to see so many young boys rising voluntarily for daily Mass at 6:30 or 7 am even in the depths of winter.’ However

Boarders in 1984 attend a weekly Mass as well as participate in the Sunday liturgy. They also have a Holy hour on Friday evenings with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Students continue to attend their annual retreats and Year 7 and 8 alternate monthly cadets and Christian live-in day.

Major changes have taken place at the Junior school, with extra classrooms and a library to comfortably accommodate their 250 students. The boarders living quarters are a far cry from the days of windowless quarters experienced by the very first boarders for a week or so, or even the bare floorboards of the sixties and early seventies. They now have wall-to-wall carpet, a subdivisions and curtains – a more homely environment to say the least. The 65 girl boarders have separate living quarters and enjoy similar comforts to home.

The old tuckshop in the basement has been converted into an indoor recreation facility. With the opening of the new sporting complex and the pool as well as the upgrading of the oval and the change to flexipave tennis courts, Monivae’s sporting facilities are first class. Fr. Uhr has fully developed the structure of sport to the equivalent of any private school. Monivae won the football premiership in the Ballarat Public Schools Assoc this year. They also participate in cricket, tennis and rowing. They compete in athletics and swimming as well as football, cricket, tennis, netball, hockey and soccer in other inter-school competitions.

Monivae’s new Arts Centre with a theatre and lecture hall is due to commence construction this term. Drama is growing into an important facet of the school syllabus at Monivae. Fr. O’Carrigan and his actors of the 1954 Hamilton Arts Festival will be envious of such facilities. However, they set a fine reputation for Monivae in the arts when the Hamilton Spectator reported on the 26 October 1954 that the “Town Hall was packed to the doors and a most enjoyable program was given, one well up to the festival’s high standard. One of the highlights was the presentation by Monivae College boys of the fantasy, ‘The Passing of Shakespeare’. This was a beautiful and moving production and the acting superlative.” The actors were John Knight, John May, Bryan Roberts, James Bullock, Peter Coffey and John Humphries. Fr. P. O’Carrigan was producer. All schools have a spirit that is experienced by most students and it lives on. Frank Hucker (58-60) sums this up when he writes, “I feel proud to be a part of MOCA and in particular to have been able to attend Monivae, I hope that present students at Monivae come to appreciate just what a great start in life they are being given at Monivae.”

MOCA Reunion Dates

50 Year Reunion - 1954 - 1962
Saturday 27th October 2012
Venue - Monivae College
Sunday 28th October 2012
Mass and College Tour
followed by Cadet Parade.

40 Year Reunion – Class of 1972
Saturday 21st July 2012
Venue – Quality Inn Grange Burn
Opposite Monivae

30 Year Reunion – Class of 1982
Saturday 28th July 2012
Venue – Quality Inn Grange Burn
Opposite Monivae

20 Year Reunion – Class of 1992
Saturday 13th October 2012
Venue – TBC

10 Year Reunion – Class of 200
Saturday 20th October 2012
Venue - TBC

Cadet 50 Year Dinner and Parade
Dinner
Saturday 27th October 2012
Hamilton Exhibition Centre
Mass and Parade
Sunday 28th October 2012
Monivae College

Do you have contact with any past students from the years 54-62, 72, 82, 92, 02?

We have a number of Old Collegians in these year levels that we are missing contact details for. We ask that you please take the time to look at the ‘lost’ lists on the Monivae College website www.monivae.com under the Old Collegians tab.

If you have any details on these past students, please contact Simon McKinley on (03) 5551 1200 or email smckinley@monivae.vic.edu.au.

